

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA

- changing the paradigm for access and quality -

April 16-18, 2008
Cape Town,
South Africa



ARV Access for Africa (AA4A), a subsidiary of IDA Solutions in the Netherlands is proud to announce a symposium/ aimed at examining and solving some of the current challenges to the reliable supply, quality of care and effective use of HIV/AIDS and related medicines and diagnostics, and capacity development. The main challenges include quality assurance of medicines, the supply chain itself, including selection, procurement, pricing, licensing, medicines for children, the actual care which patients receive and the lack of human and other resource capacity.

OBJECTIVES

The symposium will explore these challenges at a high level, contribute to the debate about them, challenge conventional wisdom about how best to deal with them and explore new directions in solving them. It will function as a forum for the dissemination of information about these challenges. It will provide a unique opportunity to take forward and achieve progress in their resolution.

Four themes:

Day 1: (Theme 1) - The efficiency and integrity of the supply chain itself, including prices and procurement

Day 2: (Theme 2) - The quality of medicines and other supplies

(Theme 3) - The quality of patient care

Day 3: (Theme 4) - Sustainability and capacity building

A key international speaker will introduce a theme, followed by a high level interactive panel and participant discussion. The discussion will be focused on specific questions which will be circulated in advance and others which arise in situ. For each session, the main points from the debate will be summarized and any recommendations formulated.

TARGET AUDIENCE

In addition to the participation of major role-players as discussed above, the target audience for the symposium is at country level, including directors and managers who report to national, provincial and state government political structures, as well as other high level representatives of organisations involved in these activities.



Day 1

April 16 Wednesday

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Day and date

Event

09:00

Welcome and introduction of guests

09:30

Keynote speech: Overview of challenges to health care in Africa: Where are we now?

Discussion

10:30

REFRESHMENTS

11:00

Theme 1: Challenges for procurement and the supply chain:
Why is Africa always out of stock?

11:30

Debate on key points:

- Is access to ARV treatment a human right?
- What ARV's are we using?
- Can we get them?
- Is licensing a policy matter or blackmail?
- Why is quantification so difficult?
- Where can we obtain the best prices? What happens as prices continue to fall?
- Which suppliers give us the best deal?
- What are the reasons for supply chain delays?
- How can we ensure the integrity of the supply chain?
- Parallel supply systems or one integrated system in countries?

12:30

LUNCH

14:00

Debate continues

15:15

Summing-up

15:30

Conclusion of session

Refreshments

16:30

GROUP DINNER

Day 2

April 17 Thursday

09:00

Theme 2: Are the medicines we provide in Africa Third World or First World?

09:30

Debate on key points:

- How do we ensure the quality of our medicines?
- Are counterfeit and substandard medicines overwhelming the market?

10:30

REFRESHMENTS

11:00

Debate continues

- Is the prequalification programme doing its job?
- How (and why) do organizations vary their medicine quality standards?

Theme 3: Is the care we provide in Africa Third World or First World?

Debate on key points

- How do we ensure the quality of patient care?
- Are we managing HIV and AIDS as a chronic condition or providing an acute response?
- What about HIV and AIDS in the workplace and in rural areas?

12:30

LUNCH

14:00

Debate continues

- How bad is adherence? How do we know?
- How can we promote proper adherence?
- What can we do to improve support systems?
- Who cares for the children? Are they receiving the medicines they should be?
- Do National Strategic/Comprehensive Plans help?

15:15

Summing-up

15:30

Conclusion of session

REFRESHMENTS

Day 3

April 18 **Friday**

09:00

Theme 4: Sustainability, the market and the human factor: Building capacity to meet the challenges

09:45

Debate on key points

- How can we integrate supply systems in countries?
What resources are needed to do so?
- Will the current approach to procurement sustain or destroy markets?
- How serious is the human capacity situation?
- Where is it going?
- How can we reverse the flow?
- What alternatives are there?

10:30

REFRESHMENTS

11:00

Debate continues

- Why is the focus on supplies and not on carers?
- Are we using the available funding support for human capacity development?
If so, how? If not, how can we?
- What is the role of the private sector in providing HR/HC for health?

12:30

LUNCH

14:00

Debate continues

- Is role/task substitution really effective?
- Can the public sector manage communicable diseases in the long term?
- What happens after the HIV and AIDS epidemic?
- Are we using the opportunity to strengthen the ways in which we deal with chronic conditions?
- What is the role of health insurance in ensuring effective care?

15:00

Bringing it all together

15:15

Closure

15:30

REFRESHMENTS



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training, capacity building & emergency buffer stock



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PROF/DR/MR/MRS/MS _____

FIRST NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

OPERATIONAL LEVEL

- DECISION MAKING
 IMPLEMENTATION

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

- NONE KOSHER HALAAL OTHER

REGISTRATION FEES

\$1400 Registration (January 2008 – 20 March 2008)

Terms & Conditions:

Registration fee for delegates includes:

- Welcome Dinner (Monday, 15 April 2008)
- Access to the symposium
- Conference bags
- Conference documentation
- Breakfast, Lunch, tea & coffee refreshments
- 4 Nights accommodation. Details are as follows:

Type: Single rooms

Arrival: 15 April 2008

Departure: 19 April 2008

- Airport transfers

Registrations will be on 1st payment submissions and not on registration submissions without payment. If the registered delegate is unable to attend, substitute delegate is welcome where indicated in writing to the organizers before the event. Please note no refunds will be accommodated. All speakers and topics are confirmed at the time of going to press, but the committee reserves the right to make changes to the content and timing of the programme or any aspect of the event.

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ABSA Bank

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